

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006

6:00 P.M.	Executive Session in the District Conference Room to discuss specific personnel matters
8:00 P.M.	Meeting Reconvenes in John J. Russell Lecture Room

A G E N D A

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STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Rebecca Gourevitch

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

December	8	Open Mic Night – HHS Auditorium	6:30 pm
December	8-9	Grade 7/8 “One-Act” Plays – FMS Auditorium	7:00 pm
December	11	Parent Liaison Meeting – Lloyd Library	6:45 pm
December	11	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm
December	12	HHS Winter Concert – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
December	12	Joint Village Board/Board of Education – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm
December	14	Student Board/Board of Education meeting – Lloyd Library	7:30 am
December	14-16	John Costello Holiday Basketball Tournament – Cochran Gym	
December	18	Board of Education Operations Committee Meeting	8:00 am
December	19	Grade 7/8 Winter Concert – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
December	20	Community Leaders Group Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	3:30 pm
December	25-	Schools Closed – Winter Recess	
- January	1		
January	8	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm
January	12&13	HHS Play: “The Laramie Project” – HHS Auditorium	7:30 pm
January	15	Schools Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	

IV. PERSONNEL

P.1 Recommendation to amend the appointment of **Tanya Bobson** as a 1.0 FTE leave replacement teacher for the 2006-2007 school year to effective September 5, 2006 through December 1, 2006. (Bd. Enc.)

P.2 Recommendation to appoint the following individual to a Schedule B position for the 2006-2007 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Craig Zern	Intramural Wrestling Coach	n/a	\$44/hour

P.3 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Gregory M. Casey** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a substitute teacher position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective December 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Gregory M. Casey, as a new hire, is required by state law to submit to a background check and obtain clearance from the State Education Department before being eligible for employment; and

WHEREAS, Gregory M. Casey has not yet obtained such clearance, but has attested to the fact that he has never been convicted of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to conditionally appoint Gregory M. Casey on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170.
2. Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Gregory M. Casey has obtained conditional clearance, his emergency status shall be changed to conditional status. Upon receipt of notice that he has obtained full clearance, his conditional status shall be removed, he shall no longer be subject to Board Policy #6170, and he shall be accorded the same status and seniority as if he had possessed such clearance as of the date of his conditional appointment.
3. In the event that clearance is denied, the Board shall reconvene to ascertain what steps, if any, shall be taken with regard to Gregory M. Casey's continued employment by the Board.

P.4 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Amy Del Savio** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective December 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Amy Del Savio, as a new hire, is required by state law to submit to a background check and obtain clearance from the State Education Department before being eligible for employment; and

WHEREAS, Amy Del Savio has not yet obtained such clearance, but has attested to the fact that she has never been convicted of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to conditionally appoint Amy Del Savio on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170.
2. Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Amy Del Savio has obtained conditional clearance, her emergency status shall be changed to conditional status. Upon receipt of notice that she has obtained full clearance, her conditional status shall be removed, she shall no longer be subject to Board Policy #6170, and she shall be accorded the same status and seniority as if she had possessed such clearance as of the date of her conditional appointment.
3. In the event that clearance is denied, the Board shall reconvene to ascertain what steps, if any, shall be taken with regard to Amy Del Savio's continued employment by the Board.

P.5 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Alexis E. Malaszuk** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective December 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Alexis E. Malaszuk, as a new hire, is required by state law to submit to a background check and obtain clearance from the State Education Department before being eligible for employment; and

WHEREAS, Alexis E. Malaszuk has not yet obtained such clearance, but has attested to the fact that she has never been convicted of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to conditionally appoint Alexis E. Malaszuk on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170.
2. Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Alexis E. Malaszuk has obtained conditional clearance, her emergency status shall be changed to conditional status. Upon receipt of notice that she has obtained full clearance, her conditional status shall be removed, she shall no longer be subject to Board Policy #6170, and she shall be accorded the same status and seniority as if she had possessed such clearance as of the date of her conditional appointment.
3. In the event that clearance is denied, the Board shall reconvene to ascertain what steps, if any, shall be taken with regard to Alexis E. Malaszuk's continued employment by the Board.

P.6 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Adina L. Ruskin** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective December 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Adina L. Ruskin, as a new hire, is required by state law to submit to a background check and obtain clearance from the State Education Department before being eligible for employment; and

WHEREAS, Adina L. Ruskin has not yet obtained such clearance, but has attested to the fact that she has never been convicted of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to conditionally appoint Adina L. Ruskin on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170.

2. Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Adina L. Ruskin has obtained conditional clearance, her emergency status shall be changed to conditional status. Upon receipt of notice that she has obtained full clearance, her conditional status shall be removed, she shall no longer be subject to Board Policy #6170, and she shall be accorded the same status and seniority as if she had possessed such clearance as of the date of her conditional appointment.

3. In the event that clearance is denied, the Board shall reconvene to ascertain what steps, if any, shall be taken with regard to Adina L. Ruskin's continued employment by the Board.

- P.7 Recommendation to appoint **Eugene Brown** to the permanent position of Cleaner, Column I, Step 2, effective January 10, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)
- P.8 Recommendation to amend the appointment of **Nidia Ferrara** as a Teacher Aide, to 10-month, Column III, Step 7, 19.5 hours per week, effective December 12, 2006 through June 30, 2006. (Bd. Enc.)
- P.9 BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency appointments of the following employees are extended and renewed until January 17, 2006:

Keith Abrams	Nicole LaVista
Rosinna Aviles	Jody Lyn
Majid Benarafa	Brendan Mannion
Tanya Bobson	Charles Marion
Janice Bochicchio	Robert Matos
Kelly Clark	Stephanie Mayer
Eileen Cruz	Gina Menendez
Matthew Dachik	Elana Militzok
Victoria DiSalvo	Kristen Morgan
Lauren Dwyer	Vicki Moss
Eszter Fejer-Kui	Barbara Prisament
John Feinstein	Sandra Ruscitto
David Freedman	Randy Shaw
Gina Gerdes	Alison Sheehy
Lesley Gold	Holly Silvestri
Michael Ingram	Judith Skoog
Bernard Keating	Merle Sternberg
Kristine Kesselman	Travis Thornton
Jeanette Kocur	Juan Villamar
Krista Lifrieri	Eryn Wagner
	Laurie Walton

V. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- C&I.1 Curriculum Initiatives (Bd. Enc.)
- Visual Arts Assessment
 - Science Assessment
 - Foreign Language Assessment
 - Math Part II: 5-12 Program

C&I.2 Strategic Planning Quarterly Update: Technology (Bd. Enc.)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

When speaking at Board meetings, please state your name and address. Any persons wishing to address the Board should confine their remarks to three minutes. Each speaker is allowed one comment on an issue until all others have been heard.

VII. MINUTES

M.1 Recommendation to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2006 Regular meeting. (Bd. Enc.)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. BUSINESS

B.1 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year: #01-006 #99-008 #7204 #98-001 #90-007 #4297 (Bd. Enc.)

B.2 Recommendation to accept the terms and conditions outlined in the Engagement Letter ("Agreement") between The Outsourcing Partnership, LLC d/b/a Accume Partners and the Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD and to authorize the president of the Board of Education to execute such Agreement. (Bd. Enc.)

B.3 Resolution to approve the amended agreement which is reformed to be a contract under the Purchase Option Plan, under the State of New York Contract (Invitation for Bids #01649) ("the State Contract"), pursuant to the Purchase Option Plan Terms and Conditions included within the State Contract, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign this agreement. (Bd. Enc.)

B.4 Recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by Christine Rosner, Math Consultant for Math Trailblazers staff training at Hillside school during 2006-2007 school year. The total fee should not exceed \$5,600. (Bd. Enc.)

B.5 Recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by Anne Schefer of K&E Consulting as Math Consultant for Math Trailblazers staff training at Hillside school during 2006-2007 school year. The total fee should not exceed \$10,000. (Bd. Enc.)

- B.6 Recommendation to accept the Treasurer’s Report for October, 2006. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.7 Recommendation to accept the Expenditure & Revenue Reports for November, 2006 (Bd. Enc.)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Old Business – Board of Education

- O.B.1 Joint Village Board/Board of Education Meeting (Bd. Enc.)
- O.B.2 Recommendation to adopt the revised schedule of Board of Education Meeting Topics for the 2006-2007 school year. (Bd. Enc.)
- O.B.3 Recommendation to adopt Policy No. 5810: Meals and Refreshments at District Events and Expense Reimbursement for Attendance at Meetings and Conferences (second reading and adoption). (Bd. Enc.)

Old Business – Audience to Board of Education

New Business – Board of Education

- N.B.1 Essential Questions for upcoming One-Topic Meeting – Guidance Department.

ADJOURNMENT